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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Yamazaki et al.

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For: Heat Treatment Apparatus And  
Heat Treatment Method

Examiner: B. Chen

Art Unit: 1762

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**RESPONSE B (AFTER FINAL)**

Sir:

Applicants have the following response to the Final Rejection of January 8, 2004,  
a two month extension of time being submitted herewith

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's allowance of Claims 58-73, 77-80, 84-87  
and 91-94. Applicants will now address each of the Examiner's remaining rejections in  
the order in which they appear in the Final Rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC §112

In the Final Rejection, the Examiner rejects Claims 50-57 under 35 USC §112,  
first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. This  
rejection is respectfully traversed.

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